

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NOTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

JOSÉ LOPEZ,

Plaintiff,

v.

GREGORY A. RICHARDSON, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.: 1:16-CV-9670

Hon. Matthew F. Kennelly

**PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(i), Plaintiff José Lopez hereby voluntarily dismisses the above-captioned action. Voluntary dismissal pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(i) is appropriate because Defendants have served neither an answer nor a motion for summary judgment. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(i); *see also Edwards-Brown v. Crete-Monee 201-U School Dist.*, 491 F. App'x 744, 746 (7th Cir. 2012) ("A voluntary dismissal filed before any responsive pleading is filed is self-executing and automatically effects dismissal of the case."). Mr. Lopez respectfully requests that the dismissal be entered without prejudice. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(B); *Edwards-Brown*, 491 F. App'x at 746.

Dated: April 07, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Mark Fleming

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Mark Fleming, hereby certify that on April 07, 2017, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Voluntary Dismissal to be filed and served on counsel of record of all parties via operation of the Court's electronic filing system.

s/ Mark Fleming  
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